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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : HR 2232

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. HR 2232, a bill "to amend the Internal Security Act of 1950, and for other purposes," was introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Walter on 12 January 1959. It is an omnibus bill covering the following subjects:
  - a. Abatement of proceedings before the Subversive Activities Control Board.
  - b. Establishment of penalties for persons misbehaving before congressional committees.
  - c. The barring of members of the Communist Party, and others, from appearance as counsel in proceedings before agencies in the Executive Branch and congressional committees.
  - d. The definition of the term "organize" relating to legislation concerning advocating overthrow of the Government.
  - e. Allowance of the enforcement of individual State treason, sedition, and espionage statutes.
  - f. Authority in the Attorney General to determine if certain Government agency reports should not be produced in a United States court in civil and criminal cases in which the Government is a party.
  - g. The giving to the FBI and investigative agencies of the Armed Forces authority to intercept wire and radio communications.
  - h. To provide penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of information classified under an executive order.

- i. The provision of penalties for the withholding of true identities in cases involving application for a social security card, or obtaining employment in national defense facilities.
- j. Extension of the period relating to limitations on actions from 10 to 15 years for offenses such as espionage and subversive activities.
- k. The establishment of an Office of Comptroller of Foreign Propaganda.
- l. Immigration and passport security.

2. No hearings were held on this bill, which was referred to the House Un-American Activities Committee. The Justice Department was not asked to comment and did not comment on the bill. According to the Bureau of the Budget, only the State Department submitted a report on the bill, which covered the security provisions of passport legislation, including the furnishing of statutory authority to the Secretary of State so that he may deny passports to certain individuals.

3. It is interesting to note that much of the wording in HR 2232 was taken verbatim from legislative proposals recommended by the Wright Commission as published in the "Report of the Commission on Government Security" (1957).

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September 13, 1960

COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chairman Francis E. Walter announced today that the Committee on Un-American Activities will hold public hearings at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 14, in the Caucus Room, Old House Office Building. The Committee will take testimony from a former officer of the Soviet Armed Services who has defected to the United States and whose presence here has not previously been revealed. The Committee hopes to learn from the witness up-to-date information on certain activities conducted by Soviet Armed Service units.

Chairman Walter emphasized that this hearing is a part of the Committee's continuing investigations of Soviet Intelligence activities against the United States, and is in no way connected with the Committee's investigation of NSA defectors Bernon Mitchell and William Martin.